

Claim Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 - during operation of a program, receiving input indicating a category property set from a plurality of category property sets, wherein each of the category property sets defines fields for a selected genre of audio or video content files;
 - during the operation of the program, receiving input indicating a first display set that defines a first set of metadata fields associated with the selected genre of audio or video content files;
 - during the operation of the program, associating at least a first portion of the fields of the category property set with the first display set;
 - during the operation of the program, receiving input indicating a second display set that defines a second set of metadata fields associated with the selected genre of audio or video content files;
 - during the operation of the program, receiving input indicating that at least a subset of the first portion of the fields of the category property set are related to the second display set; and
 - automatically updating metadata fields defined by the first and second display sets to reflect changes made to at least the subset of the first portion of the fields of the category property set.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein a category property set field may be related to more than one display set.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein a display set may be related to more than one category property set field.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving input indicating a category property set comprises creating a new category property set.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving input indicating a first display set comprises creating a new display set.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving input indicating a second second display set comprises creating a new display set.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for managing metadata during the operation of a program, the method comprising:

in response to a user request, creating a category property set, wherein the category property set defines fields for a selected genre of audio or video content files;
selecting a set of metadata fields related to the category property set;
grouping the selected set of metadata fields into at least one display grouping to form metadata field groupings; and
propagating changes made to at least a subset of the set of metadata fields across other display groupings containing corresponding ones of the set of metadata fields.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, further comprising storing the property set, the set of display groupings, and the metadata field groupings in a database.

11. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

identifying a category property set having a set of data fields associated with a genre of audio or video content files, wherein the category property set is associated with a set of display groupings and a set of metadata fields wherein the metadata fields are related to at least one of the display groupings;

dynamically generating a display structure comprising display grouping structures that are based at least in part upon the set of display groupings;

dynamically populating the display groupings with metadata field structures;

dynamically populating the metadata field structures with the related metadata field data;

receiving input indicating a change to a metadata field structure; and

dynamically propagating the change to additional metadata field structures.

12-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A metadata editor system for organizing, displaying, and allowing access to metadata from a metadata database on a plurality of platforms, the metadata editor system comprising:

a metadata database configured to store category and property information about metadata relating to one or more audio or video content files;

a graphical user interface display module configured to display subsets of the metadata wherein the subsets of metadata are organized by display groups of metadata fields, and wherein the metadata fields in the display groups are configurable by a user; and

a metadata update module configured to receive user modifications to a first display group definition representing an addition of at least one additional metadata field to the first display group definition, and to add the at least one additional metadata field to one or more additional metadata display group definitions.

18-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The metadata editor system of Claim 17, additionally comprising a display for displaying the metadata.

21. (Previously Presented) The metadata editor system of Claim 17, additionally comprising a mouse for selecting the metadata.

22-37. (Canceled)

38. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the changes made to at least a subset of the set of metadata fields comprise adding a metadata field.
39. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the changes made to at least a subset of the set of metadata fields comprise removing a metadata field.
40. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein receiving input indicating a change to a metadata field structure comprises receiving input indicating an addition of one or more metadata fields to the metadata field structure.
41. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein receiving input indicating a change to a metadata field structure comprises receiving input indicating a deletion of one or more metadata fields to the metadata field structure.
42. (New) The system of claim 17, wherein the metadata update module is further configured to add the at least one additional metadata field to one or more additional metadata display group definitions stored in a database.